

Can We Abolish Slavery Among Moros?

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 WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)—The government is again having trouble with our Mohammedan cousins. The Moros in places are up in arms against the new laws, and are openly and secretly fighting the regulations as to slavery. There is no doubt that slavery exists not only in the Moro country, but also here and there in other parts of the islands, and it will be a long time before it can be wiped out. I do not mean peonage, or debt bondage. That is common in all the farming localities. I mean actual slavery, such as existed when we took hold of the islands. I traveled through Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago when we were just beginning to pacify that part of the Philippines. I then found slaves everywhere, and once had a chance to buy four likely Mohammedan children for \$50. The owner was a Filipino woman, who lived several hundred miles west of Zamboanga, at Davao, under the shadow of Mount Apo. She had the little ones brought for me out into the sunlight and I made a photograph of them. There were three boys and a girl ranging in ages from 9 to 12 years. The girl was the oldest, and, as is common in tropical countries, at that age she was almost ready for marriage. She was half naked, her only garment being a white strip of dirty cotton wrapped around her waist and falling to her knees. As I looked at her, her fat old mistress seductively said: "Mucha buena," or very good. She told me such a girl ought to be worth \$25 of any man's money and seemed surprised that I did not jump at the bargain.

Low Figure for Girls.
 Dean Worcester says he was offered slave girls on the island of Tawi Tawi for fifteen bushels of rice, and that on many of the islands he could buy girls of 15 for \$3 apiece. A captain of the army told me how he had recently bought a slave girl for \$19 and given her freedom. This sale was made out of pity. The captain, who was engaged to a very pretty girl in the United States, sympathized with the female slave, who, although in love with a young man of her village, was about to be sold into the harem of an old Moro chieftain. The girl said she would rather die than submit, and the captain bought her and gave her to the man of her choice.

Another man whom I know, an officer of our army, saved a slave girl from death. She had angered her master, who was one of the Dattos, and had run off from the harem and thrown herself at the feet of the officer, saying the Datto had threatened to kill her. The officer made the Datto promise to spare her life, to agree to bring her once a week to his quarters to show that she was still living. This was done for several weeks and then the girl disappeared. Whether the Datto killed her or sold her to one of her friends was never known.

Divorce Comes Very Easy.
 A few years ago the sultan of Sulu got up a new code of laws which he sent to Manila for approval. Many of them related to slavery and to the treatment of the women of the harem. Our government does not like to be mixed up in religious matters, and according to the treaties we allow the Moros to worship practically as they please. By the Mohammedan religion every follower of the prophet has the right to four wives, and all he has to do, if he wishes to change, is to say to such of his wives as he does not like these things: "I divorce you! I divorce you! I divorce you!"

This means that they must go and not return, and he can fill up the quota with a fresh assortment. According to this code the relations between the Moros and the slaves were plainly laid down. It was provided that if a slave laid his hand upon a free married woman, with any improper intention, should be the property of the woman's husband, and also that if a free man laid his hand upon a married slave woman he should be fined \$100. If the slave woman informed as to the outrage the fine was to be divided between her and the state, but if it was detected by others the whole fine went to the state.

Some Practices of Masters.
 Another clause in the code provides as to the sale of slaves and others as to debt slavery. A free man who contracts a debt is one that if a man could not pay his debts his family should belong to the debtor until paid, but that this slavery could not last more than three years. A third law related as to runaway slaves and others to stolen slaves and crimes committed by slaves.

The code was drawn by our government, but it shows that the Moros still regard slavery as a divine right, notwithstanding their American rulers.

I met many of the dattos during my stay in the Philippines and I saw something of their wives and slaves. The women are not veiled, as in other Mohammedan countries, and both wives and slaves go about bare faced. It was told that a datto was considered rich according to the number of slaves he owned, and that children were stolen from other tribes to be kept as slaves. Some of the dattos were notorious for their cruelty in regard to their slaves. I met an old villain named Utto, who gave unheard-of punishments for minor offenses. Slaves who ran away from him were often punished by cutting the tendons below the knee, so that they could walk only with difficulty and could be easily caught if they tried again to escape. This man had a slave girl whom he disliked. He bound her over a place swarming with red ants and she was bitten to death. Utto had a man tied naked to the trunk of a tree, where he was roasted by the sun during the day and eaten by mosquitoes at night. This torment was terrible. And a calf brought in by our soldiers for slaughter and left tied that way died in one day.

Utto had also stocks in which he left people to die. One of our officers found a Moro dead in the stocks. He was lying there, no one having dared to remove the corpse.

Ingenious Ways of Torture.
 Some of the above instances I give on the authority of a Jesuit priest who was traveling among the Moros just about the time we took hold of the islands. He wrote about them to one of the generals of the United States army and the latter included them in his report to the government. This man described other punishments meted out by the chiefs of these Mohammedan Moros. He says they had one way of tantalizing their enemies. They would tie a man in the river where the tides came in in such a way that he could just escape drowning by standing on his tiptoes and thus keep the water from entering his nostrils and mouth. At



Datto Utto

times of extraordinary illness such men were drowned.

One of our American officials says that he saw a Moro in Jolo who always wore a bandage over his mouth. This was to hide from public view its deformity, which had been caused, not by nature, but by a datto to whom he had spoken disrespectfully. The datto ordered that the man's mouth be split and opened to the edges of the jawbones. This was done with a kris and it was then left to heal. Strange to say, the man lived.

Difficulties in the Way
 It is strange that slavery cannot be put down in the Philippines. The Spaniards attempted it 300 years ago, and these have always been laws against it. One reason for the trouble with the Moros is that it is hard to distinguish between the wife and the slave. The Moros believe that they have the right to as many wives as they can support and, as I have said, a Koran gives them four. Frequently the chiefs have but one real wife and the rest are slaves whose children do not inherit rank or titles. Some of these wives are right good looking. I remember seeing the favorite of Datto Mandi's harem at Zamboanga. The Datto was almost 50 years of age, but this girl was 16, and she would have been a beauty almost anywhere. She was tall for a Moro, as plump as a partridge and of a rich mahogany brown. She had fine eyes and large, sensual lips. She was dressed in a kimono when I saw her and the datto stood beside her while I made a photograph of the two.

I asked something as to the customs of marriage and was told it was largely a question of bargain and sale. At the time we took hold of the Sulus the average price for a good-looking girl was \$10 in silver, a water buffalo worth about \$15, and 500 pieces of rice cake, worth 1 cent each. Of the money paid \$3 went to the girl and the rest to her parents.

Moro Marriage Ceremony.
 The Moro marriage ceremonies usually take place at the house of the bride. They are performed by a priest, who asks the man if he takes the woman for his wife. Of course, he says yes. The same question is then put to the woman, but she is supposed to let her relatives reply for her. After this the groom presses his thumb, which has been blessed by the priest, against the forehead of the bride. He then mixes up a chew of betel nut for her and throws it down at her feet. She pretends not to notice it, but one of her friends picks it up and chews it to her. After this comes a wedding feast and then the family of the groom leaves and the husband and wife start married life. The wife has but few rights which her husband is bound to respect, but he has to live with her, and if he stays away for more than three months at a time she can demand a divorce.

Strength of Mohammedanism.
 The Mohammedans of the Philippines number about 250,000 and they are just about one-thousandth part of the Mohammedan population of the world. Few people have any idea of the extent of this religion. There are about 200,000,000 followers of the prophet. Mohammedanism is the principal faith in a great part of Asia and Africa, and it has millions of adherents in Europe. There are 600,000 Mohammedans in Austria-Hungary and almost 4,000,000 in Russia. Rumania has 50,000 and the Balkan states, which have been creating so much trouble lately, have almost three-quarters of a million. There are 3,000,000 followers of the prophet in European Turkey, and in all Europe there are about as many Mohammedans as Jews, and between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000.

China is generally looked upon as a Confucian and Buddhist country. Nevertheless there are something like 10,000,000 Mohammedans in the republic and its dependencies, and there are 10,000,000 Mohammedans who live north of the Yangtze river. Many of the people in Mongolia are Mohammedans, and there are 300,000 Mohammedans in Peking. During a trip which I once made to the great wall of China I had a mulester who was a Mohammedan. He got down on his knees five times a day and gave his prayers to Allah. He always prayed facing the southwest, where Mecca lay, and he bowed again and again every time the sun rose and set. There are Mohammedan mosques in many of the Chinese cities.

Majestic Mosque at Delhi.
 The Mosques of the Malays are Mohammedan, and there are millions who follow the prophet in Java and in the other islands of the Dutch East Indies. As to India, it has more Mohammedans than there are people in the whole German empire. It has far more than Turkey, and there are certain provinces in which the Mohammedans are the controlling class. The largest and most beautiful mosque in the world are at Delhi and Agra, in northern India. The big mosque



Two Moro ten-dollar Brides

is at Delhi, not far from the place where the new government buildings of the British capital are to be erected. This mosque covers acres. It took 500 men, working six years, to build it, and it has as many steps as the capitol at Washington. I shall never forget my visit to it, and how I was there shown a relic which was pointed out as the most precious object in all Hindustan. I was made to take off my shoes before I could see the relic, and in my stocking feet I was led through corridor after corridor until I came to a great chest which contained a nest of locked boxes. These were opened one after another, and at the last, in a little glass cabinet, on a green velvet cushion, was displayed a hair which I was assured came from Mohammed's mustache. The hair was as red as that of my own head, and the priest told me that Mohammed had red hair and a red beard. It is for this reason that many Mohammedans dye their hair and whiskers to a bright red. They want to pass their way into heaven by having beards of the same color as Mohammed. Indeed, it seemed to me that I was treated with respect in the mosque on account of the red color of my own moustache.

Beautiful Taj Mahal.
 The most beautiful mosque in the world is the Taj Mahal, at Agra. It was built by the same man who erected the Jamma Masjid, the mosque I have just described. The Taj Mahal is not so large, but it was far more costly and its wonderful workmanship is still the admiration of the world. The building stands upon a mosaic platform of black and white marble covering about two acres, at the corners of which are high marble towers in which the Mohammedan priests stand morning and evening and shout out the

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calls to prayer. The mosque itself, which is also a tomb, is of the purest white marble, ending in a bubble-like dome that seems to float in the air over it. Its doors are of lacework of the purest white marble, and the interior contains enough of this marble lacework to build a fence around the grounds of the White House at Washington. It is a strange commentary upon the wonders of true love that this \$15,000,000 building was built by a Mohammedan sultan in honor of his wife. The sultan's name was Shah Jehan. He had over 100 wives, but he was especially fond of only one, and when she died he erected this building to her memory. He drafted the unbelievers among his subjects and set them to work upon it. There were 30,000 laborers, and it is said that it took them seventeen years to complete the construction. They got only their food for their pay.

Holy City of Mecca.
 Going westward from India one finds many Mohammedans in Persia and in Asia Minor, and especially in Arabia. It is now possible to go to Mecca, in Central Arabia, where Mohammed was born, by railroad, and in the same way you can visit Medina, where his bones rest in a coffin which is supposed to be suspended half way between the floor and the roof by invisible strings. Hundreds of thousands of Mohammedans make pilgrimages to Mecca and Medina every year, and from now there will be a large accession to the number by these new railroads. When I was at Khartoum, in the Sudan, 1,900 miles or so south of the Mediterranean sea, I was told that they were running pilgrim trains from that country to the Red sea in order to accommodate the worshippers who wished to cross from Port Sudan to Jeddah, in Arabia, and thence go on to Mecca. There will be an enormous traffic from Asia Minor to Mecca. The road runs through Damascus and along the edges of Palestine, and people will come from European and Asiatic Turkey to go by rail to worship at the tomb of Mohammed.

Tomb of Eve.
 Speaking of Jeddah, that place until now has been the chief Arabian starting point of these Mohammedan pilgrimages. It lies half way up the coast of the Red sea and within a few days walk of Mecca. Outside the town, under a mosque, is the spot where Eve is said to be buried, and not far in the interior is a mountain which the Mohammedans say was Adam's home after he was cast out of Paradise. They think the Garden of Eden was in heaven and say that when Adam and Eve were thrust forth they dropped down to earth. Adam landed on a mountain in Ceylon and crossed to the mainland of Asia upon the chain of islands which lie between it and Hindustan, the chain being known

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to this day as Adam's bridge. Eve was dropped down at Jeddah, and Adam for his sin spent 300 years in looking for her. At least the two came together in Arabia and they lived at Jeddah until they died. Eve's tomb is 60 feet long. I suppose she filled it for "there were giants in those days."

Billions in Africa.
 I have seen a good deal of the Mohammedans of Africa. They are found by the millions in Egypt, and, indeed, the greater part of northern Africa is inhabited by them. Among the most fanatical are those of Morocco, the most of whom acknowledge no allegiance to Turkey nor to the sultan of Constantinople, although he claims to be the head of the Mohammedan world. There are Mohammedans throughout the Sahara desert, and I found millions of them in Algeria and Tunisia. I traveled among them in Tripoli, where the people are also fanatical, and saw something of them in Zanzibar and parts of South Africa.

Mosque at Jerusalem.
 Another fine mosque is in Jerusalem. It stands on the site of Solomon's temple, and it is impossible to enter it without a permit from the Mohammedan governor of the holy city. In that mosque is the rock upon which Abraham built his altar upon which he was about to sacrifice Isaac when the angel of the Lord called out to him to withhold his hand. The mosque is called the Dome of the Rock, and the Mohammedans say that the angel Gabriel will stand there when he blows his last trumpet. Then all the people of the world will come to Jerusalem, and Jehovah, sitting upon his throne upon this rock, will separate the sheep from the goats. Some Mohammedans say that the whole human race will have to walk a tight rope or thin wire which will then be stretched across the valley of Jehoshaphat, and at one end of this Mohammed will sit. As the people go over the righteous will be upheld by the angels from falling. They will cross to the Mount of Olives and thence go to heaven. The wicked will be unsupported. They will slip off into the valley and descend straight to hell.

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answered, "what makes you think there are little birds preachers?"
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"What's that, Elmer?" asked small Lola, pointing to a caterpillar.
 "That," replied Elmer, whose father is a furniture dealer, "is an upholstered worm."

Uncle Henry—So you are going to school now, eh. And do you love your teacher?
 Hobbes (aged 7)—Now! She's too old for me.

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"Hey, Sis!" he shrieked down the stairs, "come on up, quick. They're going to drown it."

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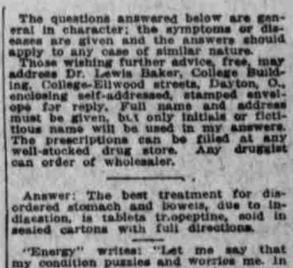
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"C. R." writes: "I have a very troublesome case of catarrh of the head and throat. I suffer annoyance and embarrassment very keenly. Can you give me something to stop this trouble?"

Answer: Use daily a nostril wash and gargle made with antiseptic vilane powder. Obtain a two or eight ounce box of it and use it according to the directions enclosed.—Advertisement.

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